Bureau of Death

-We don’t differentiate anymore. Patriots on foreign fields or insurgents here. Efficient disposal rules out niceties.

-Families?

-You mean good ones with patriotic sons and daughters who fell in honor?

-Yeah. I guess.

-We’ve stopped notifying them. Job too tremendous to do that.

-So,pretty much,all thrown in the same hole. Here and everywhere.

-‘Twere unpoetic so to put it.

-How about the echo of that ringing *shall not have die in vain...?*

-Who ever believed that anyway? My job is numbers!

-Well what are they?

-Which period?

-Last month.

-Million-six. Give or take.

-Depopulating the nation!

-Lift a glass to Tommy Malthus.